GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SPORTS ACADEMY
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a sports academy with the objective of encouraging and providing training to the poor but talented youth free of cost in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such academies functioning in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (b) : The Government has approved a new Scheme of State Sports Academy, for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between age groups of 10-13 years, as well as the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level. The scheme will be funded collectively by a Sponsor, the State Government/UT Administration and the Central Government.The Academy will be a registered Society which will be set up and managed by the Sponsor. Under the Scheme, it is proposed to set up an Academy in every State/UT.

(c) : The scheme has been approved only recently and hence no such Academy has been set up anywhere in the country.